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Movement of [REDACTED] Merchant Ship [REDACTED]

BACKGROUND

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From Air Intelligence Information Report #IR 3127-55 of 18 August 1955, it appears that on or about 4 August 1955, the [REDACTED] visited the port of Mago, which is situated on the North bank of the Amur River about 50 nautical miles above its mouth, for the purpose of loading lumber. This was the first trip of a non-Bloc vessel to Mago in some years. In connection with this trip, the following requirements are posed.

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REQUIREMENTS

What traffic was encountered in the Amur River? (Loaded, empty and type of cargo. Tug and barge, lighter, ocean-going vessel, ferries.)

Any details gathered regarding Nikolayevsk.

Any and all details regarding Mago, particularly:

- 1) Chief activities of town.
- 2) Population.
- 3) Wharf description - current in river - high and low tide - depth of water - protection of port area from wind, wave and current.
- 4) Transportation, land - vehicles seen in Mago - roads to and from other points - railroads if any - where to and where from and gauge - traffic seen moving, road or rail.

- 5) Storage Facilities - types of storage facilities and commodities stored - how do they get there?
- 6) River traffic - river traffic seen passing while in port.
- 7) Any evidence of railway or road on south side of Amur.

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Degree of Need: Urgent

Suggested Source to be Contacted: ONI